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FOLLOWING REPEAT SAO PAULO 2620 ACTION BRASILIA INFO
BUCHAREST SECSTATE RIO DE JANEIRO MONTEVIDEO BUENOS AIRES
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QUOTE

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN STOWAWAYS

REF: BRASILIA 9562 (BEING REPEATED TO MONTEVIDEO)

1. CHECKED WITH MOORE-MC MCORMICK OFFICES SAO PAULO, WHICH HAD
NO JURISDICTION, AND RIO DE JANEIRO. COMPANY ACTION OFFICER JOHN
CHALREO INFORMED CONGEN THAT TWO ROMANIAN STOWAWAYS AS NAMED REFTL
HAD LEFT MOORE-MAC LYNX AND WERE NOW UNDER JURISDICTION OF
POLICIA MARITIMA IN PARANAGUA, CHALREO REPORTS THAT POLICIA
MARITIMA IS NOT PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO MOVE STOWAWAYS AND IS
WILLING TO AWAIT DECISION AT HIGHER LEVELS AS TO WHAT IS TO BE
DONE WITH THEM. CHALREO ALSO STATES THAT ROMANIAN CONSUL IN RIO
HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH POLICIA MARITIMA IN PARANAGUA OFFERING
TO BE OF ASSISTANCE.

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2. ORIGINALLY, MOORE-MC CORMICK BUENOS AIRES INDICATED TO MOORE-MC CORMICK RIO THAT ARGENTINE AUTHORTIES MIGHT BE WILLING TO ADMIT ROMANIANS IF RETURNED. SUBSEQUENT TELEXES INFORMED RIO NOT TO RETURN ROMANIANS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. CHALREO INDICATES UN HIGH COMMISSIONER MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ADMISSION TO NOT TO RETURN ROMANIANS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CHALREO INDICATES UN HIGH COMMISSIONER MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ADMISSION TO BRAZIL OF STOWAWAYS AS POLITICAL REFUGEES USUAL PROCEDURE IS FOR SHIPPING COMPANY TO RETURN STOWAWAYS TO PORT FROM WHICH THEY ILLEGALLY EMBARKED, BUT GIVEN ARGENTINE RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT THEM CHALREO BELIEVES LINE MAY HAVE TO PAY TO RETURN THEM TO ROMANIA. MOORE-MC CORMICK NOT REPEAT NOT OFFERING TO PAY FARES BUT MAY BE OBLIGED TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENT IF BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT DEPORTS STOWAWAYS.

3. MATTER IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A THIRD STOWAWAY WHO WAS DISCOVERED BEFORE MOORE-MAC LYNX ARRIVED IN MONTEVIDEO OR IN PORT. THIS STOWAWAY TURNED OVER TO AUTHORTIES IN MONTEVIDEO.

4. UNDERSTAND FROM CHALREO THAT ALL THREE ROMANIANS HAD SOME FORM OF TEMPORARY DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN BUENOS AIRES BUT THAT THEY DID NOT AWAIT PROCESSING OF THIER CASE AND STOWED AWAY: MOORE-MC CORMICK RIO DOES NOT HAVE DOCUMENT NUMBERS, BUT ARRANGED FOR CONSUL RIO TO MAINTAIN FURTHER CONTACT WITH MOORE-MC CORMICK OFFICE THERE.

5. BELIEVE CONGEN RIO BEST PLACE TO CONTINUE CONTACT WITH MOORE-MC CORMICK AND SUGGEST ALL FURTHER LIAISON EXCEPT ANY CONTACT WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES PARANAGUA BE CONCENTRATED IN RIO.

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